



TaleSpins

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Annual Club Dinner

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On January 12 2003, the club met at the Paradise Diner in Fredericksburg, for the Annual Dinner. The atmosphere was great. We had over 20 members and their families attend. The waitress definitely had her hands full.

Everyone seemed to be having a great time. Dinner came and let me tell you it was some good chow.

After everyone had finished dinner, the club secretary thanked everyone for coming and especially Sam Homrighauser for coordinating the dinner. We then acknowledge our All Season Flyers from last year. Those members are as follows

Joe McCary 11 years
Jim Braithwaite 11 years
Bob Snelson 11 years
Jim Chandler Jr. 9 years
Dave Hoe 9 years
Harry Swain 6 years
Scott Somers 4 years
Ed Russell 2 years
Pete Kuchli 2 years
Bill Varney 2 years
Charley McGee 1 year

Finally the night was concluded by the presentation of the Modeler of the Year Award by the Vice-President. This year's winner was Bill Varney. His contributions to the club and more importantly to the hobby, have helped continue the spirit of model aviation. Thank you and Congratulations Bill.



Modeler of the year
Bill Varney

AMA and Club Dues

January 1 has come and gone and some people still need to pay there club dues. Be reminded, according to the club By-Laws, you lose your club privileges on January 31. Also, there are several people who have not renewed their AMA membership either. If you plan to fly this year, please ensure you pay your AMA dues as well as your Club dues. If you need an renewal form, you can contact the secretary or go to our website.

Next Meeting

The next Club Meeting will be on February 13, 2003. We will meet at VTS Productions at 7:30 pm. Don't forget your MONEY for the 50/50 drawing and Raffle.

Also, if you want a club jacket, bring your money (\$23.00). Bernie Arnold can't order the jackets unless he gets 12 orders.

Treasurer's Report



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Balance from December meeting:	\$831.56
Income (12/12/02 to 1/09/03):	
Membership renewals	200.00
Initiation Fee	50.00
Jacket Sales	44.00
Raffle	22.00
50/50 Drawing	<u>24.00</u>
Total Income	\$340.00
Total Expenses (12/12 to 1/09/03):	
No Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance as of Jan 9 2003:	\$1171.56

Construction Zone

If you have built a plane, you know that it can get tiring holding the fin at a 90 degree angle until your epoxy cures. Well try placing a t-pin on the top of your fin and then run a piece of string from it to another t-pin in the building board. Now pull the string until the fin is vertical. Tie the string off. You can then move the fuselage to readjust the fin to achieve you proper angle

Flight Line Funny By George Codoley

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy, which required the first officer to stand at the door while the Passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying United." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why no Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"



Meeting Minutes

January Meeting Minutes

The Fredericksburg Aeromasters met at VTS productions on Thursday, January 9. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Old Business

- Sam Homrighauser reminded the club that the annual dinner was on the 12th at 3:00 pm.
- The club hats were not available at this meeting. Bob Snelson stated that the club hats will be available at the February club meeting for \$9.50.
- Jackets will be \$23.00. We need a minimum of 12 orders before they can be ordered. Contact Bernie Arnold with your order.

New Business

- The club will post a roster of club members at the field so that we can keep track of our All Season Flyers.
- Joe made note that now would be a good time to seed the field.
- Harry Swain proposed that the club donate 50.00 to fund the delta dart program at the colonial beach library. Motion by Bob Snelson. Seconded by Dave Hoe. So voted.
- Dave Hoe wanted clarification on if a father had to be an official club instructor to teach their son to fly. The club decided it was ok as long as the individual could qualify as an instructor and that an official club instructor perform the student's solo exam.
- Joe McCary requested that Bill Varney and Hank Mausolf become club instructors. Bill and Hank agreed to become instructors.
- David Hoe volunteered to be the Training Committee Chairman.
- Motion to fully participate in the AMA Intro Pilot Program was made by David Hoe. Seconded by Bob Snelson. So voted.
- The instructors for the AMA Intro Pilot Program will be Joe McCary, Jim Chandler, and Jim Braithwaite.
- James Bingham volunteered for Program Committee Chairman. Joe McCary volunteered for Safety Committee Chairman. Don Rhamy volunteered as Field Committee Chairman.
- Pete Kuchli and James Bingham were awarded the level three flying certificates.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Larry Lycett. Larry won \$12 dollars and donated \$10 back to the club.
- The club raffle was won by Don Rhamy.
- Bob Snelson made a motion to adjourn. Second by James Bingham. Meeting adjourned.



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“Sign 3 and Fly Free” Program

Become an “AMA Ambassador”. Rules

Any active AMA member is eligible to receive a free one year AMA membership.

- Each active AMA member will receive **a one year AMA membership credit for each three (3) new or former AMA members who join.** (Yes, you can earn more than one free year!)
- All new or former memberships must be **full Open or Senior Citizen memberships** to qualify. New sign-ups **cannot be current or recent AMA members.** (Their memberships must have expired by 12/31/95.)
- Sponsoring member's **name and AMA number must be clearly identified** on each new member's application.
- **Current AMA Life Members will receive an AMA merchandise credit** of equal value to a 1 year free membership.

Your free membership credit will be applied to the next AMA membership year

For more information contact the club secretary.

Committee Chairman

This years Committee Chairman are:

Program Chairman—James Bingham

Field Chairman—Don Rhamy

Training Chairman—Dave Hoe

Safety Chairman—Joe McCary

Please support them in this years club activities.

Product Review - Great Planes Slot Machine

So your building a new plane. Your feeling proud that you haven't glue yourself to the model. But then you realize that you have to start hinge slotting. Blah... I came to the point in my winter project where I had to make the hinge slots for my rudder and elevator. So I borrowed on of those handheld hinge slotting tools that fits in your exacto knife. After about an hour I had 3 slots done. So I decided to try slotting later.

After debating how to continue ,I finally broke down and bought the Great Planes Slot Machine. When it arrived, I realized that this is not the type of slot machine you will find in Las Vegas. But I find that it was the best thing since the transistor. I used it to finish my slots. I completed the remaining 19 slots in just 15 MINUTES!! The cuts where straight and clean. This tool can also trim angles in balsa or cut holes in sheeting.

I found that the Great Planes Slot Machine was extremely easy to use and found nothing wrong or derogatory about it. This is a must have tool for the R/C builder.